charges like Development charge, Science charge, Sports charge, Maintenance charge, Students Union Fund, etc. to improve the infrastructural facilities.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Expenditure on Supplementary Nutrition Programme

3456. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for sharing of the expenditure on supplementary nutrition programme and other issues relating to women and child welfare;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the additional amount proposed to be given in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A request was received to consider the feasibility of sharing the expenditure on Supplementary Nutrition Programme under Centrally Sponsored Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in the ratio of 50:50 by the State and Central Government.

(c) No Central Grant-in-aid for supplementary nutrition is proposed to be given, because Planning Commission did not agree to the proposal due to budgetary resource constraints. Besides adequate funds are being allocated to the State for supplementary nutrition, which is a priority under Basic Minimum Services (BMS).

National Open Schools operating in the Country

3457. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of National Open Schools operating in the country with financial allocations made during last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to start more open schools in the North-East region;

(c) if so, the location-wise details of each school with operational schedule;

(d) the reasons for very slow implementation of this scheme in Assam;

(e) the State-wise list of language being used in the curriculum;

(f) whether Government are planning to impart such education in Assamese language in Assam; and

(g) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) There is only one National Open School (NOS) with Headquarters at New Delhi. In addition to it, State Open Schools are also functioning in Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. NOS has 664 Academic Study Centres operating all over India. A list showing State-wise distribution of academic study centres is annexed as Statement (*see* below). NOS makes pro-rata payments to these centres towards the services rendered by them on behalf of NOS. The rate of pro-rata payment which was Rs. 170/- per student has since been raised to Rs. 200/- per student w.e.f. 1997-98 academic session.

(b) The subject matter regarding establishment of State Open Schools is the concern of respective State Governments.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) National Open School offers courses in Hindi and English media at Secondary/Senior Secondary stage and also in Urdu medium at Secondary stage at the national level. In addition to it,

courses at Secondary stage are also offered in Marathi, Gujarati and Telugu media in their respective States.

(f) and (g) If the State Government takes the initiative of setting up State Open School in Assam, necessary technical and academic support to impart education in Assamese language can be provided by the NOS.

Statement

State-wise distribution of Academic Accredited Institutions (Study Centres) of National Open School

Sl. No.	State	No. of Academic Accredited Institutions
1.	Andhra Pradesh	44
2.	Assam	7
3.	Bihar	18
4.	Gujarat	43
5.	Haryana	43
6.	Himachal Pradesh	32
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
8.	Karnataka	5
9.	Kerala	10
10.	Madhya Pradesh	17
11.	Maharashtra	87
12.	Manipur	8
13.	Meghalaya	9
14.	Nagaland	9
15.	Orissa	7
16.	Punjab	8
17.	Rajasthan	19
18.	Sikkim	6
19.	Tamil Nadu	9
20.	Tripura	—
21.	Uttar Pradesh	55
22.	West Bengal	83
23.	A & N Island	2
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	9
25.	Chandigarh	7
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—
27.	Delhi	112
28.	Goa	6
29.	Lakshadweep	—
30.	Mizoram	4
31.	Pondicherry	1
32.	APO	1
33.	Daman & Diu	1

Construction of Hostels in Delhi University by North-East Council

3458. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise disbursement of the amount for the construction of two hostels in Delhi University by North-East Council;

(b) the amount utilised so far and the amount of interest accrued on the unutilised money since the day of disbursement;

(c) the location and stage of construction of the hostels;

(d) the agency entrusted to execute and target fixed for completion of construction work; and

(e) the percentage of reservation for the students from the North-East region in terms of MoU signed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the North Eastern Council had disbursed grants of Rs. 6.00 lakhs in May, 1992 and Rs. 75.00 lakhs in May, 1994 for construction of two hostels. Out of these grants an expenditure of Rs. 4.63 lakhs has been incurred so far. The amount was deposited by the University in the current account and no interest was earned thereon.

(c) and (d) The tenders for construction of the Girls Hostel to be located at North Campus of the University invited by the University have been opened and are presently under scrutiny. In respect of the Boys Hostel to be constructed at South Campus of the